

AS TO PISTOL TOTTING.

These Are Times when It Is Justifiable and Even Commendable.

A reader takes exception to a recent article in which "packing a gun"—or "toting a pistol," if you please—is condemned as a habit that fosters suicides. "In many parts of the South," writes our correspondent, "our women are not safe from attack on the part of criminal negroes unless there are firearms about the house. There have been numerous cases where the possession of a pistol, and a knowledge of how to use it, has saved a woman from a fate worse than death."

The point is well taken, and gets at the crux of a situation which might have been more thoroughly discussed in the article mentioned. The practice condemned is not that of possessing a pistol in the home, or of carrying one abroad when there is likely to be real necessity for its use, as sometimes happens; but the very prevalent habit of carrying revolvers at such times and under such circumstances that they are not at all necessary.

In the majority of such cases they are carried rather in the foolish hope that there will be some occasion or excuse for their display or use than because of any real danger which exists—in a spirit of silly vanity, which is none the less dangerous because of its silliness. When a couple of deluded creatures who share this sensationalism have a falling out, over some very trivial—as frequently happens—their first thought is not to fight it out with their fists; but to pull a gun and kill. Every village and town in the South has its quota of youths of this description; not as a rule "bad" boys in any general sense, but lacking in a sense of values. The village quarrel—which started over nothing important, and would naturally end in a rough and tumble fight, if the brawlers were not armed—frequently winds up with a fatal shooting simply because the brawlers happen to have the pistols with them.

The matter mentioned by our correspondent is in a different category altogether. Not only is the proper place of the pistol in the home—since its presence there implies that it is to be used for purposes of legitimate defense—but the acquisition of pistols for such purposes is to be advised, instead of merely excused. Every man should see that there is one in his home, and that his wife and daughters know how to use it quickly and effectively. What our correspondent says about the necessity for their use in this way is, unfortunately, only too true in many parts of the

South; and an effective firearm, simple in mechanism, should be in every home.—Don Marquis in Uncle Remus's Magazine.

The Union Depot.

For several years past, Live Oak has been on the qui vive for any information concerning a union depot. Come to the auditorium on the night of April 23d, and it is guaranteed that you will be "At the Union Depot."

Many favorable reports from neighboring towns where this play has been given, enables us to safely promise a most entertaining evening. A doll drill by the children, a young girls' cow-boy drill, a sextette, and many other interesting features will furnish amusement during the evening.

Being under the auspices of the Woman's Club, assures the success of the play. Proceeds to be used for civic improvement work.

Entertained Sunday School Class.

Last Friday night was the occasion of a very enjoyable evening when Mr. E. P. Groover entertained his Sunday school class at his hospitable home on Ohio avenue. This class consists of quite a number of very bright young people, and Mr. Groover is justly proud of them. Jolly and interesting games were indulged in until a late hour when delightful refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and fruit were served. This part of the entertainment was most enjoyed by the boys. Those present were Harold Brown, Harry Powell, Gordon Green, Fred York, Mortimer Brown, James Corles, Bryant Meharg, Shellan Meharg, Eugene Armstrong, John Hildreth, Brown Byrd, Melvin Wright, George Rickerson, Elmore Allen, Curtis Dowling, C. E. Groover, Mary Bothwell and Thelma Cassin. The guests departed voting Mr. Groover the best Sunday school teacher and the finest entertainer in Live Oak and hoping that the entertainment would be repeated at an early date.

Dr. E. H. Armstrong, eye specialist, of Jacksonville, will be in the city at the Suwannee hotel, on his regular visit, April 8th. Don't forget the date.

Notice of Garnishment.

In the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, State of Florida—C. O. Biber, Plaintiff, vs. Adkins, Biber & Mason Co., Defendants; Dowling Lumber Company, Garnishee—Suwannee County. To Adkins, Biber & Mason Co., Defendants, and all others whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that a writ of garnishment has been issued in the above case, and that your property in the hands of Dowling Lumber Company has been garnished, and that unless you appear before said court on or before the 7th day of June, A. D. 1909, judgment by default will be entered against you. C. O. BIBER, Plaintiff. Dated March 24th, 1909. 4-2-2m

VISITS A CONVICT CAMP.

Newspaper Man Sees How Florida Convicts Are Treated.

Editor Hare, of the Arcadia News, is one of the stoutest opponents of the Florida convict lease system and in the last issue of his paper he gives the following account of his recent visit to a typical Florida convict camp which makes valuable evidence on the merits of the system:

"We went out with our erstwhile friend, Hon. John T. Lewis of Marion county. His field takes in all the state camps in counties south of Ocala, except those on the East coast. Mr. Lewis impresses one as being admirably adapted to the position. He is honest, brave, tender-hearted, and, best of all, he has had long experience with negroes, who constitute the major portion of our 'brethren in bondage.'

"We reached the camp or stockade about one hour before sunset, Wednesday. The camp is admirably located, on a slight rise, affording natural drainage. It is about fifteen miles northwest of Arcadia, in the famous Lily section, with its fine people and magnificent groves of oranges and grapefruit. In the piney woods, engaged in working at turpentine in the Florida sunshine and rain, these convicts seem to flourish.

"The stockade is built on the conventional plan. The buildings are of course, rough lumber, whitewashed inside and out. Two reverend gents of color were in charge. One was cooking and preparing the supper, the other seemed to be helping the preparations outside. We found on inquiry that one was from Marianna and spoke well of Walter Kehoe, the states attorney, who prosecuted him; the other distinguished citizen hailed from Milton, and spoke affectionately of Editor Hilson and of Senator Tom West. The latter had used his skill and eloquence (for a consideration of a monetary nature) to convince a hard-headed jury that his client was wholly innocent of the crime alleged—but all to no purpose.

"We examined the buildings, which seem well adapted to the purpose. The sleeping room had an abundance of pure air and was furnished with iron beds—one for each inmate—with a sufficiency of covering. We learned that the management furnished each man with a clean nightshirt to sleep in. Facilities for bathing all over once a week were provided. Everything seemed clean, as though they had been looking for the inspector, who is due every month, but who, like the proverbial traveler, is liable to come at any hour of the day or night.

"There are about forty prisoners in the camp—all negroes. Their terms of service range from one year to life. They are all prisoners of hope, expecting a pardon from that great board at Tallahassee, whose reputation for 'turning loose' has become known throughout the reign of crimedom, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"We noticed no shackles on the men. We saw them coming in from the woods, all free but in line and covered by guards with loaded, repeating guns. One fellow had been laid up with some bowel complaint, but he was able to eat. In view of two escapes from trusted sick (?) men, the guards placed handcuffs on this victim of circumstances. We were informed that they sleep without shackles, but always under the range of the gun of the night guard, whom they must notify before moving or turning over during the night. During Sunday or holiday all have the privilege of the small grounds within the high plank wall surrounding the buildings. Mounted on a watch tower at each corner is a guard, whose quick eye and ready gun cover the entire squad.

"The supper consisted of meat, beans and rice in a pan, and one or more big pieces of corn bread. They are allowed fresh meat twice a week, and have a good garden to get vegetables from as far as drouth will allow. So far as we could learn the food is sufficient and well-cooked, and there is no complaint on that score. Some of the fellows are faring better than when outside as to food and shelter. The regularity of the requirements improves the health of many a victim of sinful practice.

"We came off impressed with the fact that the men in charge, from governor down to the guards and 'trusties,' are faithfully trying to render good service. It is best for the negroes and most of the prisoners to work at turpentine. There is no healthier plan of living, especially out of doors in Florida. Our officers are trying to administer the bad system with humanity and fidelity, we believe."

John V. Ryan, of the Florida Life Insurance Co., of Jacksonville, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Julia Cone left Tuesday for Lake City where she will spend several days visiting her brother, Col. Fred Cone.

Mrs. C. A. Hardee has returned home after a week or ten days delightful visit with relatives and friends at Madison.

Mrs. M. L. Burnett, who has been ill at the sanitarium in Valdosta, is reported to be some better.

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B. P. Coachman and family were here Wednesday afternoon from Quit, Ga., and Mr. Coachman was here to stay this time. He bought his old home from Mr. B. and yesterday they moved in. Coachman has leased the hotel just back of the Ethel hotel and opened up his livery and sales. He will also keep wagons, buggies for sale, and has a complete repair shop now. Mr. Coachman is a business man and a progressive and the Democrat is pleased to see that he is sure now beyond a doubt Live Oak is the best place to live. Mr. and Mrs. Coachman have received a cordial welcome back to the city.

J. J. Papi, the lumber king of W. town, was a prominent visitor in Oak, Tuesday.

Go the West and Northwest. Dixie Flyer and South Atlantic Limited.

DIXIE FLYER.			SOUTH ATLANTIC LIMITED.
8:05 p. m.	Lv. Jacksonville.....	A. C. L.	1:00 a. m.
10:10 p. m.	Lv. Waycross.....	A. C. L.	1:30 a. m.
12:25 a. m.	Lv. Tifton.....	C. & S. F.	2:00 a. m.
1:25 a. m.	Ar. Macon.....	C. & S. F.	2:30 a. m.
6:30 a. m.	Ar. Atlanta.....	C. & S. F.	3:00 a. m.
10:45 a. m.	Ar. Chattanooga.....	W. & A.	
3:30 p. m.	Ar. Nashville.....	N. C. & S. F.	
7:30 s. m.	Ar. St. Louis.....	I. C.	
8:45 p. m.	Ar. Evansville.....	L. & N.	
12:45 a. m.	Ar. Terre Haute.....	E. & T. H.	
6:47 a. m.	Ar. Chicago.....	C. & N. I.	
	Ar. Knoxville.....	L. & N.	11:00 a. m.
	Ar. Corbin.....	L. & N.	11:30 a. m.
	Ar. Richmond.....	L. & N.	12:00 p. m.
	Ar. Paris.....	L. & N.	12:30 p. m.
	Ar. Lexington.....	L. & N.	1:00 p. m.
	Ar. Cincinnati.....	L. & N.	1:30 p. m.
	Ar. Lebanon.....	L. & N.	2:00 p. m.
	Ar. Louisville.....	L. & N.	2:30 p. m.
	Lv. Louisville.....	P. & E.	3:00 p. m.
	Ar. Indianapolis.....	P. & E.	3:30 p. m.
	Ar. Logansport.....	P. & E.	4:00 p. m.
	Ar. Chicago.....	P. & E.	4:30 p. m.

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For reservations and further information, apply to A. W. Fries, R. P. A., A. C. L., West Bay St., Jacksonville, or any Agent A. C. L.

FLORIDA RAILWAY

Time Table No. 22

Taking Effect SUNDAY, MARCH 7, at 12:01 A. M., 1909.

READ DOWN.	CENTRAL TIME.	READ UP.
No. 3 Local Ft. Daily Except Sunday.	No. 1 Mail and Express Daily.	No. 2 Mail and Express Daily.
STATIONS.		
7:30 a. m.	4:50 p. m.	Lv. Live Oak.....
7:45 a. m.	5:05 p. m.	Ar. Nebo.....
7:55 a. m.	5:15 p. m.	Lv. Lenoir.....
8:05 a. m.	5:25 p. m.	Ar. Kirkland.....
8:15 a. m.	5:35 p. m.	Lv. Wilmarth.....
8:25 a. m.	5:45 p. m.	Ar. Wilmarth.....
8:35 a. m.	5:55 p. m.	Lv. Suwannee River.....
8:45 a. m.	6:05 p. m.	Ar. Norwood.....
8:55 a. m.	6:15 p. m.	Lv. Mayo.....
9:05 a. m.	6:25 p. m.	Ar. Mayo.....
9:15 a. m.	6:35 p. m.	Lv. San Pedro.....
9:25 a. m.	6:45 p. m.	Ar. San Pedro.....
9:35 a. m.	6:55 p. m.	Lv. Salt Road.....
9:45 a. m.	7:05 p. m.	Ar. Salt Road.....
9:55 a. m.	7:15 p. m.	Lv. Ashok.....
10:05 a. m.	7:25 p. m.	Ar. Ashok.....
10:15 a. m.	7:35 p. m.	Lv. Charleston.....
10:25 a. m.	7:45 p. m.	Ar. Keene.....
10:35 a. m.	7:55 p. m.	Lv. Penholloway.....
10:45 a. m.	8:05 p. m.	Ar. Denmark.....
10:55 a. m.	8:15 p. m.	Lv. Perry.....
11:05 a. m.	8:25 p. m.	Ar. Perry.....

Luraville Branch

Between Luraville and Wilmarth.

West Bound.	
8:20 a. m.	Lv. Wilmarth.....
8:40 a. m.	Ar. Luraville.....

Alton Branch

Between Mayo and Alton.

East Bound.	
10:05 a. m.	Lv. Mayo.....
10:15 a. m.	Ar. Alton.....

Trains scheduled to connect with Seaboard Air Line west bound and Atlantic Coast Line east bound at Live Oak. For information regarding rates and connections apply to T. P. ALSTON, Superintendent. C. M. DAVIS, Commercial Agent.

Live Oak, Florida.

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The Mineral Springs Route

WEST BOUND.	PASS.	PASS.	SCHEDULE	PASS.	PASS.
Frt and Pass.	7 3 P.M.	9 5 P.M.	Effective Oct. 1, 1908.	10 A.M.	6 3 P.M.
Live Lve	Sunday Only	Sunday Only	STATIONS	Sun Only	Sun Only
2:15 7:45	4:15 8:30	f	Live Oak.....	10:10	f
2:40 8:05	4:32 8:47	f	Starr.....	10:15	f
2:45 8:10	4:37 8:52	f	Mercer.....	10:20	f
2:50 8:15	4:40 8:57	f	Platt.....	10:25	f
3:10 8:30	4:55 9:10	f	Lancaster.....	9:45	f
3:30 8:45	5:05 9:20	f	Dowling Park.....	9:50	f
3:35 8:50	5:10 9:25	f	Chancy.....	9:55	f
3:40 8:55	5:15 9:30	f	Mayo Junction.....	10:00	f
3:45 9:00	5:20 9:35	f	Day.....	10:05	f
3:50 9:05	5:25 9:40	f	Silo.....	10:10	f
3:55 9:10	5:30 9:45	f	Townsend.....	10:15	f
4:00 9:15	5:35 9:50	f	Smith.....	10:20	f
4:05 9:20	5:40 9:55	f	Penholloway.....	10:25	f
4:10 9:25	5:45 10:00	f	Perry.....	10:30	f
4:15 9:30	5:50 10:05	f	Hampton Springs.....	10:35	f

MAYO AND ALTON BRANCH

P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Lve	Lve	Ar	Ar
3:40	5:15	f	Mayo Junction.....
3:55	5:25	f	Pett.....
4:05	5:31	f	Peterson.....
4:25	5:40	f	Mayo.....
4:35	5:45	f	Alton.....

S—Regular Stop.

F—Flag Stop.

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